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Reservoir

Useful Phone Numbers

Project Information Line:	619-533-4679
Billing Information:	619-515-3500
Recycled Water Program:	619-515-3500
Drinking Water Questions:	619-668-3233
Water Pressure Problems:	619-527-7482
Report a Water Main Break:	619-515-3525
Lakes Recreation Program:	619-465-3474
Speakers Bureau:	619-533-6638
Group Jobs Information:	858-573-5081
Storm Water Pollution Prevention:	619-235-1000
Water Theft Code Enforcement:	619-533-4151
EPA Drinking Water Information:	800-426-4791

AWTP Water Ines Alvarado Water Treatment Plant Construction Update

Firefighters Train at Alvarado Water Treatment Plant

arlier this year the City of San Diego Water Department had the unique opportunity to partner with the city's Fire Department and carry out a training exercise. The Water Department was scheduled

to demolish an old, condemned twostory building that had been relocated to a corner of the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant facility. The structure was at one point the dam keeper's residence, but had long been abandoned due to structural deficiencies.



Firefighters use ladders to practice entering a second story.

Instead of simply

asking a contractor to demolish and remove the building, the Water Department offered it to the Fire Department. After a quick inspection,



the Fire Department realized this building offered the perfect stage for a search and rescue training exercise.

The exercise took place without a hitch on March 31. Three engine companies

and one truck company participated in the all-day event. More than twenty firefighters benefited from the training. The exercises required filling the building with smoke, knocking down walls, entering through the roof, and breaking windows to simulate the rescue of possible victims. San Diego's firefighters gained valuable training for the next time they are called to duty.







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Storm drains are not and other measures are in Code 142.0146 (b).



Earl Thomas Reservoir: In Service & Ready for Landscaping

he City of San Diego completed construction of the 35-million gallon Earl Thomas Reservoir. This is the world's largest pre-stressed concrete drinking water reservoir. It was successfully placed in service on December 10, 2004 marking a major milestone in the upgrade and expansion project at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant.

Once the tank was placed in service, grading activities soon followed. The contractor imported approximately 131,200 cubic yards of dirt to bury the tank. Once the tank is safely stored underground, landscaping around the tank will begin. Expect to see some activity in late May and early June.



Among the improvements visitors to Lake Murray will soon see a new directional sign on the corner of Lake Murray Boulevard and Kiowa Drive. The sign was ordered to help visitors identify the entrance to Lake Murray



Crews will use 131,200 CY of backfill to cover the Earl Thomas tank.

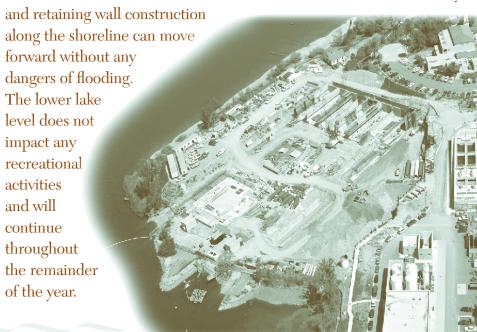
A few feet north of the entrance, the City is building a new decomposed granite (DG) parking lot. The parking lot will provide additional flexibility to Lake Murray visitors unable to find street parking. For added safety, new street lamps will also be installed between the corner of Lake Murray Blvd. and Kiowa Drive up to the Lake Murray entrance.

and the Mission Trails Regional Park. On Kiowa Drive, visitors will take in new oaks and sycamores as well as native landscaping and recently planted coastal sage scrub habitat. The combination of plants selected will minimize the weeds along the sidewalk, allowing easy access for strollers, rollerbladers and pedestrians alike.

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Lake Front Construction Is **Making Progress**

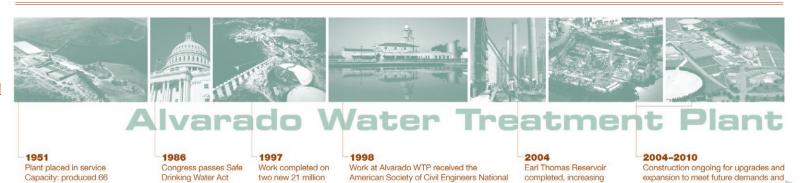
Te're working on all fronts! Work along Lake Murray's shoreline is quickly taking shape. The contractor is on-schedule building two new flocculation and sedimentation basins. From across Lake Murray, you may have noticed the lower than usual water level at the lake. We're working with the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant supervisors to maintain a low water level at the lake to ensure construction activity



Contractors for Phase II work close to the lake taking advantage of the treatment plant's property line.

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If you're interested in learning more about recreational activities at Lake Murray, visit our Web site at http://www. sandiego.gov/water/recreation/index.shtml or you can call the City of San Diego Lakes and Recreation staff at (619) 668-3274.



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